

There is NO NEED for cellular telephone use aboard airborne aircraft! There are already installed airborne telephones on many flights...if a passenger urgently needs to make a call, those facilities are there for them. There is no compelling need to justify installation of electronics to support dozens or hundreds of passengers conducting trivial cellular communications aboard domestic flights typically lasting a matter of two to three hours.

To the contrary, there is a strong case to be made for preserving peace, quiet, and decorum aboard in-flight aircraft. The Commission should be focusing on protecting passenger privacy, preventing "air rage", and permitting flight crews to maintain safety aboard aircraft. There is also a Homeland Security component to this argument: flight crews, air marshalls, and other law enforcement personnel do not need to have their work compromised or complicated by the existence of unnecessary air-to-ground or air-to-air communications occurring from passengers aboard in-flight aircraft.

The story the traveler has always heard is that cell phone use might interfere with aircraft electronics. Now this is not so anymore? Is the change in interpreting the laws of physics at the convenience of the airlines and/or wireless providers? Well then what about "Blue Tooth" wireless devices? 802.11B peer-to-peer computer networking? GPS receivers? Amateur Radio transceivers? Family Radio Service handie-talkies? AM/FM broadcast receivers? Where does it end? No special case can be made for cellular use over many other forms of personal communications and use of personal electronic equipment.

Air travel is already stressful enough without the introduction of noisy and discourteous cellphone users. Let's keep our flights quiet, calm, and safe!

Respectfully submitted,
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